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MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Mortality—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, August 30, as follows:

During the week ended August 30, 1905, there were no quarantinable diseases reported here or in Merida. The last yellow-fever case here occurred last February, and in Merida on the 18th of last March. During the week 5 deaths occurred, as follows: Malaria, tetanus, dysentery, enteritis, and suicide (pistol shot). Five steamers and 1 sailing vessel were dispatched, with 50 passengers and 171 crew; of these vessels 4 bound for Gulf ports were fumigated.

There is no change in general sanitary conditions since last report.

Report from Tampico—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortality—Sanitary conditions—Mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, September 4, as follows:

Week ended September 2, 1905: August 27. Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Lovstakken*, bound for Mobile, with 24 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. August 29. Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Tabor*, bound for Norfolk via Perth Amboy, with 28 in the crew; vessel sails in cargo, lead and copper bullion. September 1. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Horda*, bound for New York via Progreso, with 24 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast.

August 31. Inspected and passed the Spanish steamship *Miguel M. Pinillos*, bound for New Orleans via Progreso, with 52 in the crew and 9 passengers; vessel sails in general cargo.

September 1. Inspected and passed the American steamship *Matanzas*, bound for New York via Habana, with 41 in the crew and 8 passengers; vessel sails in general cargo and with live stock for Habana.

September 1. Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Dagfin*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur; vessel sails in a small cargo of ixtle. No quarantinable disease reported during the week.

Mortuary report.—Rate, 33.80. Pulmonary tuberculosis, 3; abscess, 1; dentition, 2; congenital debility, 2; anæmia (paludal), 1; infantile eclampsia, 1; intermittent fever, 1; remittent fever, 1; cirrhosis of the liver, 1; total, 13.

The past week was hot, dry, and depressing, as the number of deaths from tuberculosis and congenital debility would indicate. Immediately following the rains of a week ago mosquitoes became more numerous, but they as rapidly disappeared, until apparently few remain. The rain of yesterday has again caused the mosquitoes to appear; the *Stegomyia* are not very numerous. I have seen none anywhere beyond their actual breeding places within the last four or five days. Although the *Anopheles* are more noticeable in variety as well as in numbers, they now even appear during the cooler parts of the day, which is contrary to previous experience here. This condition, as I have previously stated, I believe prevails at most of the tropical ports, and we may in this way account for the various foci of malarial infection found to exist on vessels sailing in the Tropics. This has been the case with some that have arrived here and I understand at other ports in Mexico, etc.